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SUBJECT: RECLASSIFICATION OF POULTRY PRODUCTS

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1. AGATT WAS CALLED JULY 12 BY MINAG CONTACT AND ADVISED THAT EC POULTRY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE DECISION RE CLASSIFICATION OF POULTRY PRODUCTS UNTIL AFTER SUMMER HOLIDAYS. ACCORDING TO CONTACT, REASON FOR THIS DECISION IS CURRENT STATE OF MTN IN GENEVA. IT WAS CONSENSUS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE THAT IN VIEW OF CRITICAL STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS AND PARTICULARLY SINCE POULTRY WAS AN AREA IN WHICH U.S. HAS REQUESTED CONCESSIONS, APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION COULD NOT BE GIVEN TO THE MATTER AT THIS TIME.

2. MINAG CONTACT ALSO USED OPPORTUNITY TO ADVISE US OF SOME ADJUSTMENT IN DUTCH POSITION RE POULTRY RECLASSIFICATION. MINAG HAD TAKEN CAREFUL NOTE OF OUR (WRITTEN) DEMARCHE BASED ON REFTTEL. MINAG DIRECTORATE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS HAD AGREED WITH MANY OF THE POINTS MADE HERIN, PARTICULARLY  
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WITH THOSE REGARDING EXPLANATORY NOTES TO BTN, AND HAD CONVINCED OTHER DIRECTORATES OF MINAG TO TAKE LESS AGGRESSIVE APPROACH ON THIS ISSUE. UNTIL VERY RECENTLY, DUTCH HAD FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT U.S. EXPORTS OF SEASONED POULTRY PRODUCTS WERE TAKING UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OF A TARIFF "LOOPHOLE" AND WERE UNDERMINING DUTCH POULTRY EXPORTS, PARTICULARLY TO THEIR MOST IMPORTANT MARKET--THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. ACCORDING

TO SOURCE, DUTCH HAD ORIGINALLY REQUESTED COMMISSION TO UNDER-TAKE STUDY TO DETERMINE IF RISING EC IMPORTS OF SEASONED POULTRY WAS QUOTE INAPPROPRIATE USE OF TARIFF BINDING UNQUOTE. DUTCH SAY THEY WILL TAKE WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE AT NEXT POULTRY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING. THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO GAIN BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF POSITIONS OF OTHER EC COUNTRIES BEFORE TAKING FINAL POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

3. COMMENT: FRANKLY, WE DOUBT THAT APPARENT DUTCH SOFTENING ON THIS ISSUE IS MEANINGFUL. THE NETHERLANDS IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST EXPORTER OF POULTRY MEAT AND PRODUCTS AND THE FRG IS BY FAR ITS MOST IMPORTANT MARKET. WE THINK THAT AFTER THE CURRENT TENSIONS OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE ABATED, THE DUTCH WILL NOT HESITATE TO SEEK RECLASSIFICATION OF U.S. POULTRY PRODUCTS, REGARDLESS OF THE VALIDITY OF U.S. ARGUMENTS. IN FACT, WHEN THIS VIEW WAS OFFERED TO DUTCH SOURCE, HE REFUSED TO DISAGREE WITH IT. END COMMENT.  
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